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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: BING LIN YANG

FOR: ILLUMINANT FOR DISCHARGE LAMP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please preliminary amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 4 with the following rewritten version:

--4. (Amended) An illuminant for a discharge lamp according to claim 1,
wherein a projecting section for discharge start-up is provided on said discharge electrode.--

Please inset the following newly added claim:

--5. (Newly Added) An illuminant for a discharge lamp according to claim 2,
wherein a projecting section for discharge start-up is provided on said discharge electrode.--

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten version:

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A durable illuminant with simple structure and stable discharge characteristics is provided. Discharge electrodes fixed to respective sealing spacers are inserted into a housing from both ends, the housing constructed from a cylindrical glass material with equal inner radii at both open ends. A discharge chamber is filled with a discharge gas and the sealing spacers are fused and fixed to the housing at this condition.

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